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In re the Application of

Sayce et al.

Appln. No.: 09/743,623

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For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS
FOR MANUFACTURING A
GLASS INGOT FROM
SYNTHETIC SILICA

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to a non-final Office Action dated March 13, 2003. Kindly amend the application as set forth below.

The format of this Amendment complies with the "revised amendment format" corresponding to a revision of 37 CFR §1.121 "Manner of Making Amendments in Applications" expected to be adopted by July 2003. The current provisions of 37 CFR §1.121 have been waived. See "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted" posted on January 31, 2003 on the web site of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, Steven Kunin.
